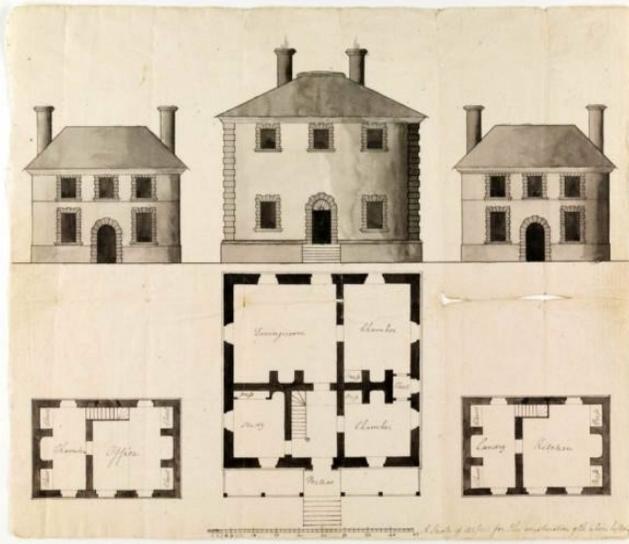




APRIL 7—SPRING MEETING at HEBRON CHURCH

The April 7 program focuses on the house, the land, and the unique preservation of Menokin. Francis Lightfoot Lee, signer of the Declaration of Independence, built the home around 1769 on his plantation near Warsaw, Virginia. Before the Menokin plantation was ever developed, this area along Cat Point Creek (also called Rappahannock Creek) was home to the Rappahannock Indian Tribe. In 1608, Capt. John Smith explored the creeks that feed into the Rappahan-



nock River and recorded his meetings with the Rappahannocks, which gives us a written glimpse into the area and its people at that time.

Menokin was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1971. During the 19th and 20th centuries, Menokin passed hands several times and went into serious decline around 1935 when it lay, for the most part, vacant before coming into possession of The Menokin Foundation in 1995.



Our speaker for the April 7 meeting is Juliana Grassia, of the Menokin Foundation where her duties include outreach and communication. Prior to Menokin, Juliana was with the University of North Carolina at Asheville, where she served in the Division of University Advancement. Originally from New Jersey, Juliana graduated from UNC-Asheville in 2015 with degrees in political science and French. Her undergraduate studies focused primarily on American government and institutions.

Hebron Church

The meeting will be held on April 7 at Hebron Presbyterian Church, in Manakin-Sabot. It was organized in 1843. They met at Webster's Church, located on Cardwell Road (Route 670) about a mile north of Crozier (then called Isaquina). The three ministers appointed by the presbytery to organize the church were Rev. Jesse S. Armistead of Cumberland County; Rev. James M. Allen, pastor of Providence Church in Louisa County; and Rev. William S. Thompson, native of North Carolina. At its organization in 1843, the church was given the name of Dover. Three years later the membership decided to change the name to Hebron Church.

Directions to the church

From Route 6, turn onto Miller's Lane (Route 644). Go 2 miles and



turn left on Shallow Well Road (Route 641) and go 1/4 mile. The church is on your left.

From Broad Street (Route 250), turn south onto Manakin Road (Route 621) across from Satterwhite's Restaurant. Follow Manakin past the Dover Hall Estate, about 2.3 miles. Turn right onto Miller's Lane (Route 644) and go about 2.6 miles. Turn right on Shallow Well Road (Route 641) for 1/4 mile. The church is on your left.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Goochland County Historical Society

James Richmond
Executive Director
Catherine Southworth
Office Administrator
Board of Directors 2019

Christina Dunn, President
Bruce Venter, 1st Vice President
Vernon Fleming, 2nd Vice President
Virginia Olsen, Secretary
Kathleen Kimmel, Treasurer

Louise Chapman, Cheryl Childress,
Laura Meadows Mausolf, William Quarles,
Dave Southworth, Richard Toler,
Linda Weistroffer, Erin Yearout-Patton

Visit the Goochland Historical Society

The Society's History Center is located one half mile east of the Goochland Courthouse at 2875 River Road West (Route 6)

Office hours:

Wednesday–Friday, 10:00–3:00

2nd Saturday of the month, 10:00–3:00

Note: Those travelling long distances should call the society to confirm it will be open on the date of your visit. Phone (804) 556-3966.

Email the Society:

goochlandhistory@comcast.net

Visit us online:

www.goochlandhistory.org

www.goochlandhistory.wordpress.com

www.twitter.com/GoochlandCHS

Copyright 2019 by the Goochland County Historical Society. All rights reserved.

Dear Members,

It is now officially Spring and we have Spring Fever! We are as busy as a bee making plans and lining up a variety of activities that we trust you will find appealing. At the top of our list is the April 7th lecture at Hebron Church on Menokin by Juliana Grassia. Have you visited Menokin? If not, this program will certainly entice you to do so, but even if you have made the trip to the Northern Neck to see this treasure, you will still learn a thing or two. Ms. Grassia will not only present the story of this historic property and the people who built it, but also she will introduce you to what is often called “the most engaging preservation project in America.”



Another presentation we are looking forward to is one by Professor Rita Dandridge; she will discuss her new book *The Collected Essays of Josephine J. Turpin Washington* and her research on this important African American who promoted social reform through her teachings and writings. You may be interested to know that your Society contributed in a small way to the preparation of this book about the Goochland native. Professor Dandridge's presentation is scheduled for June 22nd at the Central High Cultural and Educational Complex. We are pleased to co-sponsor this program with Goochland Parks and Recreation.

We have three genealogy classes scheduled between April and June. We are pleased to note that these classes have proved popular not only with Goochlanders, but also with people from Richmond, so sign up early. Your Society plans to exhibit at the Rassawek Spring Jubilee on June 1 and 2. Last year, we were located in front of a new exhibit which featured the historic ferry that connected Goochland with Belmead (St. Emma's Military Academy and St. Francis de Sales High School) in Powhatan, so naturally our exhibit featured Goochland ferries. The ferry proved to be an excellent location for us, as we had a constant stream of visitors. There is always something new and interesting to see at the Rassawek Spring Jubilee, just don't overlook our exhibit!

Hope to see you soon.,

Christina Dunn, President and James Richmond, Director

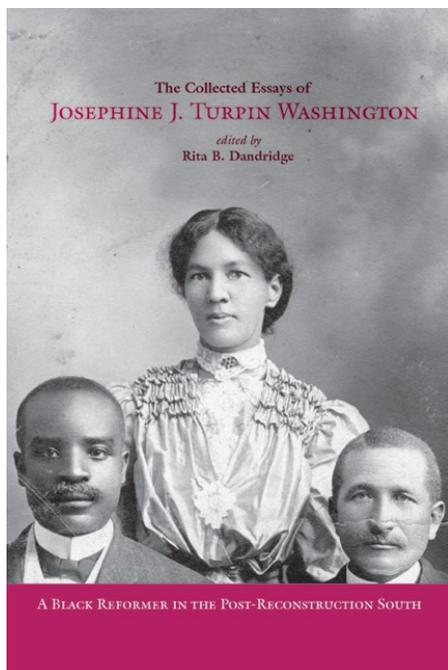
P. S. Membership renewals are as welcome as the flowers in May! If you have renewed, many, many thanks; if not, please do so. We are able to continue providing services and programs only through your kind and generous support.

New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Padgett, Richmond, VA • Mr. Raymond Baird, Manakin-Sabot, VA • Glenda Hawk, Louisa, VA • Mrs. Vann Williams, Richmond, VA • Angela Aslanska, Midlothian, VA • Joe Liesfield, Montpelier, VA • Susan Gilbert, Suwanee, GA • Mollie Massie Poulis, Vancouver, BC • Bryan Hagen, Richmond, VA



BOOK TALK with RITA B. DANDRIDGE



On June 22, at 1:00 p.m. Goochland County Historical Society and Goochland Parks and Recreation will host Rita B. Dandridge at the Central High Cultural and Educational Complex. Professor Dandridge will discuss

her new book, *The Collected Essays of Josephine J. Turpin Washington: A Black Reformer in the Post-Reconstruction South*.

Newspaper journalist, teacher, and social reformer, Josephine J. Turpin Washington led a life of intense engagement with the issues facing African American society in the post-Reconstruction era. This volume includes numerous essays, many of them unavailable to the general public until now. It reveals the major contributions to the emerging black press made by this Goochland-born, Howard University-educated woman who clerked for Frederick Douglass and went on to become a writer with an important and unique voice.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase after the presentation.



Rita B. Dandridge is Professor of Languages and Literature at Virginia State University and the author of *Black Women's Activism: Reading African American Women's Historical Romances*.

Directions

Central High Cultural and Educational Complex, 2748 Dogtown Rd, 23063 Goochland, VA

From Route 6, turn onto Dogtown Road. Go 3.5 miles. The location will be on the left.

From Broad Street, turn south onto Sandy Hook Road. Turn right onto Whitehall Road. Turn left onto Dogtown Road. The location will be on the right.



BEGINNING GENEALOGY CLASSES



Paula Williams

The Goochland County Historical Society is hosting a series of genealogy classes. The classes have included the “Basics of Genealogy” and “Beyond the Basics”. Upcoming classes will focus on storage of your information and the use of internet sites; and the

use of DNA in genealogical research with guest speaker Paula Williams. These classes will be held at the Goochland Branch of the Pamunkey Regional Library located at 3075 River Road West, Goochland, VA 23063.

On June 15, we will focus on **African American genealogy** with guest speakers Gloria Gilmore and Elaine Taylor, former director of the Louisa County Historical Society. The location will be the Grace Church Fellowship Hall at 2955 River Road West, Goochland, VA 23063.

If you have just become interested in your heritage or want to learn more, then these sessions will be fun and informative. We are taking reservations for the all classes as space



Gloria Gilmore

is very limited. Please email goochlandhistory@comcast.net or call us at 804-556-3966 to reserve a space. We look forward to seeing you!



HIGHLIGHTING HISTORIC PROPERTIES—REED MARSH

Reed Marsh was purchased by William Miller in 1817, and remains one of the best examples of classic central-passage-plan dwellings from the nineteenth century. William Miller was the first of five members of the Miller family to serve. Their service spanned a period of 152 years. William Miller was clerk from 1791 until his death in 1846, he was succeeded by his son Narcissus Miller who is credited with saving Goochland County's records during the Civil War when many other counties public records were destroyed. Narcissus Miller's son, William Miller Jr., served from 1868 to 1900; his son, Peter Guerrant Miller, from 1912 to 1942, and his daughter Margaret



Miller, from 1942 to 1955. They all lived at Reed Marsh.

According to *A Survey of Historic Architecture in Goochland County, Virginia*, from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Reed Marsh was recommended for listing on the National Register of Historic

Places.

In 1933, forty-two acres of land from the Reed Marsh property was sold for the building of the first consolidated secondary school in Goochland County, Goochland High School. The school's structure was quite elaborate for its day. It remains standing to date and serves as the county administrative offices. Land from the Reed Marsh tract was also sold for the location of the

Goochland Branch of the Pamunkey Regional Library.

The Survey can be found at: https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/pdf_files/SpecialCollections/GO-021_Goochland_Co_AH_Survey_Rpt_2003_GWorsham_report.pdf



REMEMBERING DR. BLAKEY



Dr. Arthur Gilbert Blakey and Jessica Cobb Blakey. Photograph donated by Dr. James Bowles

Dr. Arthur Gilbert Blakey was one of nine children born in Barboursville, Virginia to Ella and James Blakey on March 8, 1888. He was a graduate of Virginia State College and had his medical training from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Blakey practiced medicine in Goochland, Fluvanna, and adjoining Virginia counties beginning in 1918. He traveled miles back and forth to the mountains servicing patients pro bono. In other instances, patients would attempt to pay him with produce items and farm goods. He served the surrounding area for a period of 45 years. He passed away on April 24, 1963. The late Dr. James Harold Bowles, Sr. considered Dr. Blakey to have been both a role model and mentor.



Medicine bottle dated July 26, 1949, filled at Bruce's Drug Store in Scottsville, VA, for a prescription written by Dr. Blakey. Bottle donated by Eleanore Andrews.

HENRY WOOD'S TOMB

Sometimes, the best things are found in the oddest places. Recently, the Goochland County Historical Society began a search for the tomb of the Goochland's first Clerk of the Court, Henry Wood (1696-1757). There were many old pictures in the Society files showing that the tomb once existed. However, we began to worry that the tomb might have disappeared, being the victim of progress in a county changing from rural to residential. A Facebook campaign sought help from as many people as possible and the power of the people proved successful. A landowner in East Leake saw the post and responded: the tomb was indeed still standing on her property.

Now came the part that all historians love, we made arrangements to go to the site and see for ourselves, photographing the tomb for posterity. On a cold blustery, but sunny, day, we made the trip to East Leake, the location of the grave. A long driveway through the woods led us to a beautiful old farmhouse on a ridge of



Henry Wood son of
Valentine & Rachel
Wood Born in London
July the 8th 1696 and
Departed this life
May the 2nd 1757
Fuimus quoque Nos

rolling hills. We boarded an ATV and off we went into a cow pasture in search of history. Quite some distance from the farmhouse we came upon the tomb on a ridge.

Considering that we were in a cow pasture, we gingerly approached the tomb. It is in amazingly good condition for a 262 year old marker. The table top stone is about the size of the average dining table, sitting on beautifully carved pedestals in a style that was popular during the colonial era. The top stone cracked years ago, but the landowners successfully had it repaired. After a quick

dusting, we got a look at the fully carved epitaph.

We took many pictures of the tomb from many angles: high, low and from a distance. At one point, Catherine Southworth, Goochland County Historical Society staff, lost a shoe to the mud, but she persevered! Henry Wood is the only known grave at this location. There are no depressions or other markers in the vicinity of the tomb. There may have been others, but time has erased them. We came, we saw, we photographed. May you rest in peace Henry Wood.



CEMETERY CORNER



Born on February 21, 1758, in Goochland County, Tarleton Payne was a son of Josias Payne and Elizabeth Fleming. He grew up farming in Goochland County on his father's land. When the Revolutionary War came, he became a captain and served in both the First Virginia and Seventh Virginia Regiments. After the war, he returned to Goochland County and in 1782, married Elizabeth Winston. He tried his hand at farming, his father's occu-

pation, but he was unsuccessful. He had to sell a large portion of his land to raise money to live on.

Before his death, Tarleton gave his son John 55 acres from his farm. He also left another son, William Overton Payne, 132 3/4 acres in his will. He died in 1812 and was buried in what is now known as Hickory Hill Cemetery near the intersection of Hickory Hill Road and County Line Road. His son, William O. Payne is also buried in this cemetery.



**TIME TO RENEW!
MEMBERSHIP RUNS
JANUARY 1st THROUGH
DECEMBER 31**

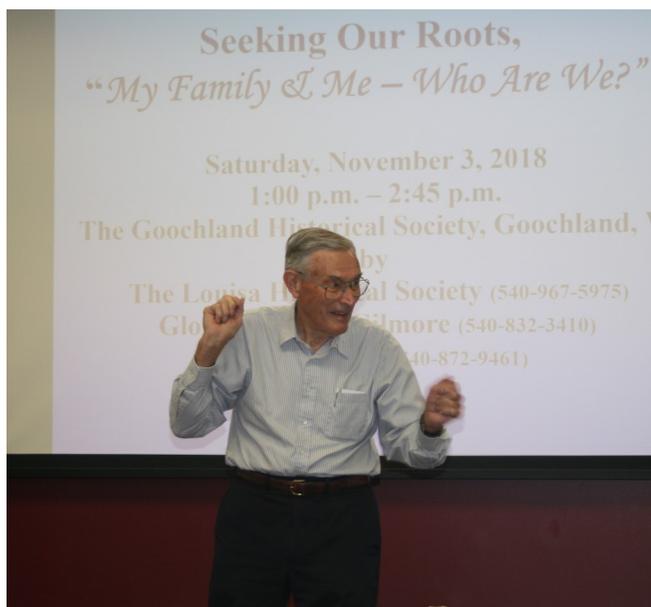
Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 7 at 3 p.m.

Spring Meeting—Restoring Menokin, the home of Francis Lightfoot Lee

Location: Hebron Presbyterian Church

1040 Shallow Well Road, Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103



Saturday, April 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Genealogy Class Series #3—Storing your family history on your computer and using Internet Sites.

Location: Goochland Public Library

Saturday, May 18 at 1:30 p.m.

Genealogy Class Series #4—DNA and genealogy with guest speaker Paula Williams

Location: Goochland Public Library

Saturday—Sunday, June 1-2

Society Exhibit at Rassawek Spring Jubilee

Location: 6276 River Rd W, Columbia, VA 23038

Saturday, June 15 at 1:00

Genealogy Class Series #5—Researching African American Ancestors

Location: Grace Church Fellowship Hall, 2955 River Road West, Goochland, VA 23063

Saturday, June 22—1:00 p.m.

Central High Lecture Series—Prof. Rita Dandridge, editor, *The Collected Essays of Josephine J. Turpin Washington*.

Location: Central High School, 2748 Dogtown Rd, Goochland, VA 23063